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TO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT:SHRIMP NEGOTIATIONS

FOR AMBASSADOR AND CLINGAN FROM BOWDLER

1. AMBASSADOR ARAUJO CASTRO CALLED AT NOON TODAY TO RELAY WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS A MESSAGE FROM FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA ON THE SHRIMP NEGOTIATIONS. HE SAID THAT SILVEIRA IS "WORRIED" OVER THE OUTLOOK FOR THE TALKS BECAUSE OF "TODAY'S INTERRUPTION". HE LATER QUALIFIED THE "INTERRUPTION" BY SAYING IT REFERRED TO FAILURE OF THE NEGOTIATORS TO MEET THIS MORNING.

2. ACCORDING TO ARAUJO THE PROBLEM STEMS FROM THE U.S. TEAM SEEKING A "SIMPLE EXTENSION" OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT. THIS, HE SAID, THE GOB CANNOT ACCEPT. AGREEMENTS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN NEGOTIATED WITH TRINIDAD AND BARBADOS BASED ON "PHASE OUT". WHAT BRAZIL CONCLUDES WITH THE U.S., HE OBSERVED, MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE.

3. ARAUJO SAID THAT SILVEIRA IS CONCERNED WITH "PARALIZATION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS" BECAUSE AFTER MARCH 1
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WHEN THE NEW SEASON OPENS, SEIZURES OF U.S. BOATS COULD

TAKE PLACE. THIS WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE FOR BOTH SIDES.
HENCE THE NEED TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT PRIOR TO THAT
DATE.

4. I TOLD HIM WE ALSO VERY MUCH WANT AN AGREEMENT
WHICH WOULD TAKE DUE ACCOUNT OF OUR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS.
HOPEFULLY THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD FIND A FORMULA TO
ACCOMPLISH THIS.

5. COMMENT: ARAUJO WAS LOW-KEY, ALMOST MATTER OF
FACT, IN HIS PRESENTATION. HIS CALL WAS PROBABLY DE-
SIGNED TO SOUND A NOTE OF CONCERN WITH THE POLITICAL SIDE
OF THE HOUSE. YOU ARE BETTER ABLE TO INTERPRET THE
DEMARCHE IN THE LIGHT OF WHAT HAS GONE ON IN THE NEGOTIA-
TIONS SO FAR. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS. KISSINGER

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